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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF DALTON

APRIL 1, 1896.

142 polls,	\$ 14,200 00
Real estate,	109,668 00
186 Horses,	8,248 00
22 Oxen,	960 00
400 Cows,	7,230 00
1 other neat stock,	20 00
595 Sheep,	1,560 00
7 Hogs,	35 00
Stock in trade,	9,450 00
Separator,	400 00
Ferry,	300 00
	<hr/> \$152,071 00

ASSESSMENTS

State tax,	\$315 00
County tax,	446 49
Highway,	500 00
School money required by law,	345 00
Extra school money,	255 00
Town officers,	300 00
Town debt,	1,200 00
Private highway,	50 00
School books and supplies,	75 00

School house repairs,	\$ 50 00	
Overlay,	174 04	
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Rate of taxation, \$2.44 on \$100.00.

RECEIPTS

March	Thomas J. Smith, for new bonds, Nos. 21, 22, 23, 24, 25,	\$500 00
	Harriet A. Hubbard, for new bonds, Nos. 15, 26, 27, 28,	808 00
April 17,	W. M. Ewen, redemption, summer store house and land,	4 03
	21, County pauper claim,	168 93
June 8,	Bert A. Taylor, Admr. Emily Putnam estate, for bond No. 34,	101 67
	22, M. L. Elliott, fine of John Robarge on dog,	10 00
Oct. 20,	County pauper claim,	74 67
Nov. 24,	Eliza A. Farr, tax on Simeon Fisk farm for years 1886 and 1889,	34 28
Dec. 5,	James Harriman, on John White farm, Bert A. Taylor, interest from June 13 to Dec. 5, on \$500 note,	150 00 14 33
Feb. 12,	Solon A. Carter, railroad tax,	53 69
	" savings bank tax,	179 68
	" literary fund,	84 00
15,	O. A. Mooney, balance left in his hands, L. J. Clement, due town on order No. 73, drawn through mistake, for balance due on state tax,	4 04 2 37
	L. J. Clement, 2d order drawn for dig- ging Mrs. Dexter's grave,	2 50
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		\$2,192 19

DISBURSEMENTS

1896.

April,	Paid town treasurer,	\$1,308 00
25,	" "	4 03
21,	" "	168 93
June 8,	" "	101 67
July 3,	" "	10 00
Oct. 23,	" "	74 67
Dec. 2,	" "	34 28
5,	" "	150 00
5,	" "	14 33
Feb. 12,	" " railroad tax,	53 69
12,	" " savings bank tax,	179 68
12,	" " literary fund,	84 00
15,	" "	4 04
15,	" "	2 37
15,	" "	2 50
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		\$2,192 19

The Selectmen have drawn the following orders on the Town Treasurer :

TOWN OFFICERS

1896

April 8,	Fannie Aldrich, services, school board,	\$ 15 00
July 3,	L. J. Clement, searching records and notifying mortgagees,	22 45
Aug. 12,	J. M. Tillotson, Jr., collecting old taxes,	159 63

1897

Feb. 6,	B. D. Goodall, services as moderator,	8 00
	E. P. Cushman, services as district clerk and care of cemetery,	11 60
10,	M. L. Elliott, dog police,	10 00

Feb. 10,	B. A. Taylor, exchanging bonds, etc.,	\$ 3 00
12,	O. B. Crouch, truant officer,	1 50
	O. A. Mooney, services as supervisor,	13 50
	“ care of cemetery,	5 00
	“ time with expert on tax book,	2 25
	J. M. Tillotson, Jr., on school board,	15 00
13,	S. H. Doolan, supervisor,	13 50
	W. A. Tillotson, collector, time on rebate,	6 75
15,	J. R. Meader, town clerk,	20 00
	“ secretary and treasurer of school board,	10 00
	“ enumerating and making state report,	5 00
	L. J. Clement, services as selectman,	54 29
	“ “ “	49 71
	O. A. Mooney, collector, 1892-93-94,	15 00
	“ “ tax deeds,	2 00
	“ justice's fees,	1 50
	W. A. Tillotson, collector, 1896,	40 00
	Edwin R. Wallace, services as selectman,	49 87
	George Carpenter, “ “	63 50
	Charles Aldrich, “ treasurer,	30 00
	“ 13 1-2 days paying old bonds and notes and placing new bonds,	20 25
	J. R. Meader, auditor on town books with L. J. Clement and expert, 38 days,	57 00
	J. R. Meader, superintendent of schools and on school board,	25 00
	J. R. Meader, searching records, 55 hours on old tax books, recording expert's report, filing papers in selectmen's chest, getting ready for expert, and recording matters previous clerk neglected; per order selectmen,	18 00

Feb. 15, J. R. Meader, notifying owners of dogs, drawing jury, posting and notify- ing, affidavits and postage,	\$ 9 00
Loren Ricker, services as selectman,	7 50
Charles Aldrich, services as moderator,	8 00
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	\$772 80

TOWN DEBT

1896.

Mar. 28, Ellen M. Wells, 13 bonds,	\$6,527 08
Apr. 8, Charles Aldrich, bond 49,	500 00
May 9, " " 4 bonds,	2,015 00
June 8, Eben Stowell, bonds 20 and 24,	1,025 00
17, Bert Taylor, Adm'r Emily Putnam Est., bond 7,	513 57
Frank W. Hastings, bond 25,	513 87
Aug. 12, Emma J. Rix, endorsed on Louisa F. Rix note,	15 00
Oct. 3, Everett Fletcher, bond 46,	520 00
C. B. Jordan, bond 58,	520 00
Dec. 1, Emily Lowd, bond 42 and coupon,	525 00
" " note dated August 28, 1879,	312 00

1897.

Jan. 12, David Hurlbutt note,	1,166 13
16, James Martin, note dated June 9, 1894,	567 82
Edward Martin, " " 9, 1894,	567 82
Feb. 2, Mary E. Moore, bond 47,	504 17
6, Chas. Aldrich, paying 18 coupons, old issue,	450 00
" " " 50 " new "	520 00
13, " " " bond 23,	514 58
15, " " " bonds 11, 22, 40, 55,	2,020 88

\$19,297 91

HIGHWAYS

1896.		
Mar. 28,	E. S. Aldrich, land damage,	\$ 50 00
July 3,	Robert Tann, " " "	5 00
	John Robarge, " " "	15 00
June 17,	W. C. Bowles, road machine repairs,	19 35
Nov. 17,	E. P. Cushman, lighting and fencing John's River bridge,	3 00
Feb. 12,	Frank Carpenter, putting up guide boards,	2 50
15,	George Carpenter, " " "	1 50
Apr. 14,	Otis Elliott, for breaking roads,	12 00
	Loren Ricker, " " "	2 00
15,	Edwin R. Wallace, " " "	7 00
	John Lavasseur, Jr., " " "	3 00
	J. R. Weare, " " "	8 25
	Simeon Fiske, " " "	7 50
	Oren B. Crouch, " " "	12 50
	S. H. Doolan, " " "	12 00
	James Martin, " " "	6 00
May 16,	W. L. Smith, " " "	7 32
Oct. 3,	Stephen A. Fearon, " " "	3 75
Feb. 12,	O. A. Mooney, " " "	15 00
	Wilber M. Ewen, " " "	2 50
	F. B. Tillotson, " " "	1 50
	George F. Somers, " " "	1 00
Apr. 25,	Oren B. Crouch, labor on highway,	2 25
June 17,	James Rooney, " " " in 1888,	10 36
Sept. 22,	Peter Gilbert, " Lazotte road,	7 00
	Joseph Lezotte, " " "	7 00
June 17,	Oren B. Crouch, special road agent,	50 00
Apr. 25,	William B. Aldrich, road agent,	100 00
May 20,	" " "	100 00
June 3,	" " "	100 00
17,	" " "	100 00
July 3,	" " "	100 00

Nov. 17,	William B. Aldrich, road agent	\$ 46 96
Feb. 12,	" " "	20 35
15,	" " "	3 52
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		\$84 5 11

377 SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS

Feb. 15,	E. S. Aldrich, four sheep,	\$10 00
	Charles Aldrich, four sheep, 1895,	10 00
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		\$20 00

ABATEMENTS

Oct. 3,	B. B. Blakeslee, over assessment,	\$19 52
Feb. 6,	W. A. Tillotson, on tax book of 1896,	71 27
15,	O. A. Mooney, " " 1892,	13 17
	" " " 1893,	11 10
	" " " 1894,	18 00
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		\$133 06

LAND BOUGHT BY TOWN AT TAX SALE

Feb. 6,	W. A. Tillotson, sale May 27, 1896,	\$564 12
13,	" sale Feb. 24, 1896,	31 77
	" sale Feb. 11, 1897,	106 68
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		\$702 57

Solon A. Carter, state tax,	\$315 00	
W. H. McCarten, county tax,	446 49	
L. J. Clement, balance due on state tax,	2 37	
	<hr/>	\$763 86

SCHOOLS

Apr. 14,	D. C. Heath, bill for books, 1895,	\$ 33 33
25,	School Treasurer,	100 00
June 17,	" "	350 00
Sept. 29,	" "	250 00
Nov. 9,	" "	125 00
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		\$858 33

LIBRARY

Feb. 15,	Library appropriation,	\$20 70
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COUNTY PAUPERS

1896.

Apr. 25,	Darling & Lewis, supplies for William Buckman,	\$ 1 85
	H. M. Wiggin, medical attendance on Jesse Marden,	8 00
	G. H. Morrison, medical attendance on William Harriman,	9 00
	Gilman Davis, medical attendance on Frank Wells' family,	7 50
	Gilman Davis, medical attendance on Jesse Marden's family,	26 50
	Darling & Lewis, supplies for Pilote in diphtheria,	1 75
	M. H. Bowker, supplies for C. E. Page in diphtheria,	1 95
28,	E. P. Cushman, digging grave for William Harriman,	3 00
June 3,	J. R. Meader, preaching sermon for William Harriman,	2 00
20,	Eliza Lang, board William Harriman,	12 00

July 3,	J. M. Tillotson, Jr., rent Jesse Marden,	\$ 3 00
Oct. 15,	Ward Dexter, digging Eastman grave,	2 50
	M. H. Bowker, supplies for Mrs. Lewis Brooks,	12 42
23,	Gilman Davis, medical attendance on Jesse Marden,	11 00
	Gilman Davis, medical attendance on Aaron Eastman,	7 50
	B. F. Jefferson, preaching sermon for Aaron Eastman,	2 00
	Stoughton Brothers, undertaking expenses, Aaron Eastman,	18 75
	C. F. Davis, supplies for Frank Wells,	50
1897.		
Feb. 15,	L. J. Clement, supplies, Mrs. Burlock,	1 20
	G. E. Abbott, medical aid, Jos. Girard,	8 25
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		\$140 67

MISCELLANEOUS

1896.		
April 8,	Coos County Democrat, town reports,	\$ 20 00
14,	E. C. Eastman, books and blanks,	3 16
	F. H. Palmer, making and painting guide boards,	5 00
June	J. P. Colby, expert accountant on town books,	180 00
Sept. 10,	E. C. Eastman, blank books,	2 77
	Charles Aldrich, for account books,	2 00
Nov. 17,	Stephen A. Fearon, fighting fire on Dalton mountain,	10 00
Dec. 29,	J.W. Brown, damage to horse on highway,	15 00
1897.		
Jan. 4,	Drew, Jordan & Buckley, legal services,	250 00
Feb. 6,	C. A. Simonds, water troughs,	3 00

Feb. 6,	Foster Harriman, scarlet fever,	\$ 8 50
	E. C. Eastman, collector's deeds and papers,	2 00
10,	E. A. Taylor, lamp and kerosene,	2 53
	M. L. Elliott, building fires and booths at town house,	5 00
12,	E. S. Aldrich, water trough,	1 50
	Mary Deming, "	2 00
13,	Will Carpenter, scarlet fever, services,	12 00
18,	W. A. Tillotson, damage to wagon,	2 50
15,	F. H. Palmer, guide boards and signs,	12 00
	Whitefield Light Co., four poles,	4 00
	Gilman Davis, return of births and deaths,	1 00
	W. A. Tillotson, collecting rebate on school house tax,	461 50
	Loren Ricker, wood for town house,	3 00
	George Carpenter, legal advice,	1 00
	" lock and bolts for town house,	1 00
	" services in scarlet fever,	7 25
	Charles Aldrich, telephone, telegram and interest,	2 88
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		\$1,020 59

RECAPITULATION

Paid Town officers,	\$ 772 80
Town debt,	19,297 91
Highways,	84 5 11
Sheep killed by dogs,	20 00
Abatements,	133 06
Land bought by town,	702 57
State tax,	317 37
County tax,	446 49
Schools,	858 33
Library,	20 70
Pauper bills,	140 67
Miscellaneous bills,	1,021 34
	<hr/> \$24,526 35

FINANCIAL STANDING

Following is the Financial Standing of the Town,
February 15, 1897:

INDEBTEDNESS

13 bonds, of \$500 each, old issue,	\$ 6,500 00
20 " " " new issue,	10,000 00
60 " \$100 " " "	6,000 00
Accrued interest,	147 26
Louisa F. Rix, note and interest,	102 27
	<hr/> \$22,742 53

ASSETS

Cash in hands of treasurer,	\$2,568 29
County pauper claim,	9 45
Due on tax book of O. A. Mooney, 1892,	37 16
“ “ “ 1893,	24 10
“ “ “ 1894,	164 00
“ “ of W. A. Tillotson, 1895,	402 46
“ “ “ 1896,	421 63
“ Otis Elliott note,	43 89
“ Willard Miller note,	88 33
“ B. A. Taylor note,	1,234 48
“ James Harriman note,	354 08
Cash in hands of F. R. Powers,	88 11
Lands bought of O. A. Mooney, tax sale May, 1895,	323 82
“ W. A. Tillotson, sales of 1896,	431 83
“ “ “ 1897,	106 86
“ by town and not redeemed,	1,374 26
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Total assets,	\$7,672 75
Net indebtedness, reported last year,	\$17,342 77
Net indebtedness,	15,069 78
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Reduction of debt,	\$2272 99

LOREN RICKER,	} SELECTMEN
GEORGE CARPENTER,	
EDWIN R. WALLACE,	
	OF
	DALTON.

I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them properly vouched and correctly cast.

J. R. MEADER, AUDITOR.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

A statement made by the retiring treasurer, Bert A. Taylor, at the March town meeting, 1896, to the effect that he should not give up his treasurer's cash book to the town officers, led the selectmen to think that there must be something wrong in the accounts, and after taking legal advice they obtained the treasurer's cash books Saturday, April 25, 1896, containing his accounts with the town as treasurer up to the March meeting, 1896. The first two days' examination showing a deficiency of some \$500, the selectmen proposed to Mr. Taylor that the books be put into the hands of an expert accountant, but Mr. Taylor said he preferred to have the first selectman and auditor look the books over with him; that it would be satisfactory to him, would save cost, and that he would pay any amount found against him as fast as found. With this understanding Messrs. Clement and Meader settled down to a thorough examination of the treasurer's accounts. The first day after this arrangement Mr. Taylor worked with them for a while, but soon left, and did not appear again except as called for. He had the privilege of being present at any time, but neglected to avail himself of it. At the end of the first week discrepancies to the amount of \$3000 had been found.

At this stage, having failed in obtaining any money from Mr. Taylor, he claiming to have none, the selectmen, by advice of Drew, Jordan & Buckley, placed an attachment for \$10,000 upon Mr. Taylor's property, and engaged J. P. Colby of Boston, an expert accountant to examine Mr. Taylor's accounts, who, after a thorough examination, made a report, which is on file at the town clerk's office, and also

recorded in Volume 9, Town Records, pages 216 to 233. A summary of which report follows :

Previous to William S. Crouch's term of office a net shortage of \$2,586.83 was found.

The treasurer's books show the following discrepancies :

In book for 1886, page 61 shows a shortage of	\$ 4 00
“ “ 1886, “ 64 “ (June) “	90 00
“ “ 1886, “ 64 “ (July) “	290 47
In March, 1888,	186 03
“ 1888, page 196 shows (school) shortage,	27 10
“ 1890,	45 70
“ 1891,	9 97
In May, 1891,	10 00
In February, 1893, page 157 shows shortage,	153 04
On page 67 there is charged twice on one voucher,	15 70
“ 73, overcharge above voucher,	4 00
“ 97, charged twice on one voucher,	1 50
“ 97, “ “ “	50
“ 97, “ “ “	3 00
“ 123, “ “ “	12 00
“ 135, “ “ “	25 00
On page 21, selectmen's cash book, they charge Taylor with County Pauper claim, in April, No credit given town on Taylor's cash book.	191 70
Net dog license money for year ending 1892 was	122 00
There is no entry of this amount on Taylor's cash book, although it appears in town report. Other items that should appear in the report, among receipts, were left out in order to make the amounts balance,	
On page 157 of cash book is this entry: “Paid for three town bonds.” Those bonds were Nos. 7, 8 and 9. Bond No. 7 was reissued to Emily Putnam, but the town received no credit or cash for the bond, but had to redeem	1,506 25

it in June, 1896, with five of the new bonds, Nos. 34, 35, 36, 37 and 38. An endorsement of the reissue of this bond No. 7 was written on the back, dated October 3, 1892, but no entry of sale appears on cash book.

RECEIPTS GIVEN BY TAYLOR:

February, 1886, to E. P. Cushman,	\$ 19 33
28, 1890, to A. Johnson,	136 62
1891, to A. Johnson,	47 68
Dec. 1, 1891, to John Robarge,	4 00
Jan. 2, 1892, to A. Johnson,	46 50
March, 1892, to S. H. Doolan,	37 70
2, 1892, to John Robarge,	4 95
15, 1892, to Charlie E. Somers,	4 00
Feb. 15, 1894, to S. H. Doolan,	85 85
1894, to S. H. Doolan,	161 82
Aug. 19, 1895, to John Pockette,	6 14
1895, to John Pockette, Jr.,	4 72
Oct. 21, 1895, to O. A. Mooney,	50 00
Feb. 13, 1896, W. A. Tillotson gave Taylor a check, No. 65, on Whitefield bank. Taylor endorsed same, but there is no entry on cash book to show that he received it for the town.	27 32
February 15, 1896, receipted to W. A. Tillotson,	225 34
February 15, 1896, receipted to O. A. Mooney,	455 50

There is no entry on the treasurer's cash book to show that the town ever received any of the above amounts.

There are items in Taylor's favor to the amount of \$232.35, leaving the net shortage \$5,492.54, occurring in the different years as follows:

	Allow Taylor.	Charge Taylor.
Previous to W. S. Crouch's service,		\$2,586 83
Year ending February 15, 1886,	\$200 00	23 33

Year ending February 15, 1887,	\$ 10 00	\$400 17
1888,		186 03
1889,	19 02	32 16
1890,	02	374 02
1891,		94 65
1892,	3 31	60 56
1893,		852 05
1894,		250 87
1896,		864 22
Total allowances and charges,	\$232 35	\$5,724 89
Net shortage,		\$5,492 54

The question has been asked repeatedly the past year why the auditor did not find these mistakes when auditing the accounts. The answer is quite simple. The auditor was not allowed access to the receipts. He asked the collector to allow him to look over his tax book in 1894. The answer to this request was that the selectmen told him that if he settled with the treasurer it would be sufficient. The result of that policy has been a shortage of nearly \$2000 in the four years previous to March, 1896. As soon as he was allowed to see the receipts, he soon told the collectors where they stood.

The auditor would recommend a change in regard to the present method of giving orders for abatements and land sales. By the present method it is necessary for the treasurer to enter the orders on both the debit and credit side. If he fails to enter on both sides, either treasurer or town is short just that amount.

I would recommend that when the selectmen abate taxes or buy land of the collector at his sale, that hereafter they deal directly with the collector by giving him their receipt for the amount instead of giving him an order. By doing this the transaction will not have to appear on the treasurer's cash book, and there will be no opportunity for a mistake.

JOHN R. MEADER, AUDITOR.

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

Town appropriation for highways,	\$500 00
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RECEIPTS

1896.

April 25,	Received of treasurer of town of Dalton,	\$100 00
May 20,	" " " "	100 00
June 3,	" " " "	100 00
17,	" " " "	100 00
July 3,	" " " "	100 00
Nov. 17,	" " " "	46 96

1897.

Feb. 12,	" " " "	20 35
15,	" " " "	3 52

\$570 83

DISBURSEMENTS

March.	W. B. Aldrich, 3 1-2 days work,	\$7 00
	" team, 3 days,	4 50
	Edward L. Aldrich, 2 days,	3 00
	E. R. Wallace, 1-2 day,	75
	J. J. Brown, 1-2 day,	75
	James Martin, 2-3 day,	1 00

\$17 00

April.	W. B. Aldrich, 8 1-2 days,	\$17 00
	" team, 4 1-2 days,	6 75
	E. L. Aldrich, 4 1-2 days,	6 75

April	Parker Barrows, 1-2 day,	\$ 75	
	J. H. Aldrich, 1 day,	1 50	
	J. J. Brown, 1-3 day,	50	
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			\$33 25
May.	W. B. Aldrich, 16 1-2 days,	\$33 00	
	“ team, 5 1-2 days,	8 25	
	“ 10 days, machine,	65 00	
	E. L. Aldrich, 11 1-2 days,	17 25	
	Ezra Sears, 6 5-6 days,	10 25	
	Parker Barrows, 3 days,	4 50	
	John Girdler, 10 days,	15 00	
	Carl Simonds, 7 days,	10 50	
	Loren Ricker, 7 1-2 days,	11 25	
	Edgar Taylor, 1 day,	1 50	
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			\$176 50
June.	W. B. Aldrich, 17 1-2 days,	\$35 00	
	“ team, 10 2-3 days,	16 00	
	“ team, 7 days		
	on machine,	44 00	
	Ezra Sears, 8 1-2 days,	12 75	
	Loren Ricker, 2 days,	3 00	
	J. H. Aldrich, 5 days,	7 50	
	Ernest Hudson, 4 days,	6 00	
	Harley Aldrich, 4 days,	6 00	
	Edgar Taylor, 3 days,	4 50	
	Parker Barrows, 8 days,	12 00	
	E. L. Aldrich, 10 days,	15 00	
	Allen Ruggles, 4 days,	6 00	
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			\$167 75
July.	W. B. Aldrich, 2 1-2 days,	\$5 00	
	“ team 1 day,	1 50	
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			\$ 6 50
August.	W. B. Aldrich, 3 days,	\$7 00	
	“ team, 2 days,	3 00	
	E. L. Aldrich, 1-3 day,	50	
	Parker Barrows, 1 1-2 day,	2 25	
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			\$12 75

Sept.	W. B. Aldrich, 2 1-2 days,	\$5 00	
	“ team, 2 days,	3 00	
			\$ 8 00
October.	W. B. Aldrich, 4 days,	\$8 00	
	“ team, 2 2-3 days,	4 00	
	John Rooney, 1 day,	1 50	
			\$13 50
Nov.	W. B. Aldrich, 6 days,	\$12 00	
	“ team, 3 1-2 days,	5 25	
	Arthur Harriman, 1 1-2 days,	2 25	
	John Robarge, 1-2 day,	75	
	James Martin, 2-3 day,	1 00	
			\$21 25
1897.			
Jan.	W. B. Aldrich, 1 3-4 days,	\$3 50	
	“ team, 1 5-6 days,	2 75	
	E. L. Aldrich, 1 3-4 day,	2 62	
			\$8 87
Feb.	W. B. Aldrich, 1 day,	\$2 00	
	“ team, 1-2 day,	75	
	E. L. Aldrich 1-2 day,	75	
			\$3 50
Total work,			\$468 87

MISCELLANEOUS

April 29,	J. R. Weare, breaking roads,	\$ 6 35
May 1,	Harlie Aldrich, “	3 00
	E. S. Aldrich, labor on highway and	
	100 feet plank,	8 50
18,	Otis Elliott, breaking roads,	6 50
19,	Allen Ruggles, “	2 00
	M. H. Bowker, 1 wrench, 35c., 1 oiler, 15c.,	50
	E. P. Cushman, sharpening bars,	30
	“ repairs on machine,	1 00

May 23,	Will Cushman, repairs on machine,	\$ 30
	Ora A. Mooney, plank,	25
25,	C. J. Cushman, 334 feet plank,	3 34
	E. P. Cushman, repairs on machine,	15
	Herbert Aldrich, breaking roads,	9 75
June. 9,	H. L. Cole, for rend rock,	80
	A. Hubbard, breaking roads,	1 00
20,	Chas. Page, " "	1 00
	E. R. Wallace, 5 lbs. spikes,	15
22,	B. A. Taylor, 10 lbs. spikes,	30
	Brown's Lumber Co., 2116 feet plank,	22 55
29,	E. P. Cushman, repairs on machine,	50
30,	C. J. Cushman, 112 feet plank,	1 12
July.	" 650 feet plank,	6 50
	J. M. Clark, plank,	10 91
August.	B. L. Co., plank,	2 50
October.	Jessie Marden, cutting bushes,	3 50
	C. J. Cushman, plank,	1 00
17,	J. M. Clark, 298 feet plank,	2 68
24,	" 113 "	1 01
	W. B. Aldrich, 100 "	1 00
Feb. 15,	E. S. Aldrich, breaking roads,	1 50
	Harlie Aldrich, " "	2 00
Total,		\$101 96
Total work,		468 87
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		\$570 83

W. B. ALDRICH, ROAD AGENT.

I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOHN R. MEADER, AUDITOR.

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

1896.		
Mar. 16,	B. A. Taylor, treasurer,	\$504 32
	“ “ county pauper claims, 1895,	174 66
	“ “ to redeem N. P. Scott farm,	119 04
	“ “ check, \$25, of N. H. Scott,	
	for deed of A. S. Ruggles farm,	25 00
	B. A. Taylor, from L. J. Clement, to re-	
	deem Samuel R. Scales place,	18 78
	B. A. Taylor, from W. A. Tillotson, taxes	
	of 1895,	202 00
	28, Ellen M. Wells, for 13 new town bonds,	6,500 00
Apr. 2,	L. J. Clement, for new town bonds,	1,308 00
4,	W. A. Tillotson, taxes of 1895,	250 00
8,	L. J. Clement, for old town bond, No. 49,	
	of Thomas J. Smith,	500 00
25,	L. J. Clement, \$168.93, for pauper bills,	
	Town of Dalton,	168 93
	L. J. Clement, for redemption on Sumner	
	store, house and land,	4 03
29,	W. A. Tillotson, taxes for 1895,	161 00
30,	Wrought Iron Range Co., license No. 380,	2 00
May 2,	W. A. Tillotson, taxes for 1895,	28 00
9,	Addie P. Bond, for three \$500 town bonds;	
	also five \$100 town bonds,	2,000 00
14,	Ora A. Mooney, to redeem in part James	
	Finn farm, tax of 1892,	21 00
	Ora A. Mooney, to redeem George A. Ba-	
	con farm, tax of 1893,	8 38

May	14,	Ora A. Mooney, to redeem C. F. Smith farm, tax of 1893,	\$ 17 54
		Ora A. Mooney, to redeem in part Roswell Miller farm,	7 50
		Ora A. Mooney, tax of 1894,	45 00
June	6,	J. M. Tillotson, Jr., old taxes,	128 07
		Ora A. Mooney, to redeem in part Alison Lathrop farm, 1893 tax, sale of 1894,	10 00
		Ora A. Mooney, to redeem John Adair farm 1894 tax, sale of 1895,	13 00
		Ora A. Mooney, to redeem John Nicholson place, 1893 tax, sale of 1894,	5 00
		W. A. Tillotson, tax of 1895,	150 00
	8,	L. J. Clement, for bond No. 34, sold B. A. Taylor, administrator Emily Putnam estate,	101 67
	16,	Thomas C. Beattie, sheriff, for goods sold at B. A. Taylor's store,	200 00
	17,	Emma R. Stowell, Lancaster, for two town of Dalton bonds, Nos. 19 and 20, issued January 1, 1896,	1,016 67
		B. A. Taylor, adm'r Emily Putnam estate, for bonds, Nos. 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, issued January 1, 1896,	509 17
		J. R. Meader, for dog licenses,	79 80
	22,	E. A. Taylor, for goods sold,	100 00
	27,	" " "	100 00
July	3,	J. M. Tillotson, for old taxes,	300 00
		" " redemption lot 17, range 1,	1 00
		L. J. Clement, for John Robarge, Jr., fine for non-license on dog,	10 00
	4,	W. A. Tillotson, John Crane farm taxes paid by O. B. Crouch,	12 28
		W. A. Tillotson, Ben Lowd farm taxes paid by David Hurlburt,	39 78
		W. A. Tillotson, taxes of 1895,	9 88

July	4,	W. A. Tillotson, Lowd pasture taxes paid by Chester Hurlburt,	\$ 9 94
		W. A. Tillotson, redemption of Peter Gilbert homestead,	9 55
		W. A. Tillotson, Joseph Kerwin farm redeemed by Elmer Ewen,	14 92
		W. A. Tillotson, redemption of Joseph Lizotte homestead,	13 65
	6,	Ernest A. Taylor, for goods sold,	100 00
	13,	" " " "	100 00
	12,	" " " "	70 00
	27,	" " " "	30 00
Aug.	1,	W. A. Tillotson, taxes of 1896,	100 00
		J. M. Tillotson, Jr., for old taxes,	200 00
		J. M. Tillotson, Jr., " " "	17 57
	3,	E. A. Taylor, for goods sold,	40 00
	10,	" " " "	60 00
	22,	J. M. Tillotson, Jr., for old taxes,	368 48
		" " " in full for old tax books 1880-1891,	25 00
	18,	E. A. Taylor, for goods sold,	45 00
	24,	" " "	55 00
	31,	" " "	33 00
Sept.	5,	W. A. Tillotson, taxes of 1896,	150 00
	7,	E. A. Taylor, for goods sold,	33 00
	15,	" " "	34 00
	21,	" " "	30 00
	29,	" " "	50 00
Oct.	5,	" " "	35 00
	6,	W. A. Tillotson, taxes of 1896,	160 00
	7,	John M. Tillotson, Jr., for three new town bonds, Nos. 45, 46, 47,	309 24
	8,	O. A. Mooney, to redeem John Robarge farm, sale of 1894,	13 00
		O. A. Mooney, taxes of 1894,	15 00
	12,	E. A. Taylor, for goods sold,	45 00

Oct. 19,	E. A. Taylor, for goods sold,	\$ 50 00
26,	" " "	50 00
Oct. 30,	George Carpenter, pauper bill,	74 67
Nov. 2,	E. A. Taylor, for goods sold,	40 00
7,	W. A. Tillotson, taxes of 1896,	350 00
9,	E. A. Taylor, for goods sold,	50 00
16,	" " "	50 00
23,	" " "	50 00
30,	" " "	50 00
Dec. 2,	George Carpenter, for tax deed on sales of 1886 and 1889, for Simeon Fisk farm,	34 28
5,	George Carpenter, on B. A. Taylor note, " " interest of B. A. Tay- lor for \$500, dated June 13, 1896,	150 00
7,	W. A. Tillotson, taxes of 1896,	14 33
	E. A. Taylor, for goods sold,	406 00
14,	" " " "	100 00
	John M. Tillotson, Jr., for two new town bonds, Nos. 48 and 49,	50 00
21,	E. A. Taylor, for goods sold,	207 68
23,	J. M. Tillotson, Jr., one new town bond, No. 50,	40 00
1897.		103 92
Jan. 2,	Ora A. Mooney, to redeem Alison Lath- rop farm, tax of 1894, sale 1895,	
	Ora A. Mooney, taxes of 1894,	22 30
	" to redeem Alison Lath- rop farm, sale of 1894,	10 00
4,	W. A. Tillotson, taxes of 1896,	16 24
11,	E. A. Taylor, for goods sold,	530 00
12,	David Hurlburt, for ten new town bonds, Nos. 51-60,	40 00
13,	B. A. Taylor, adm'r Emily Putnam estate, for 1 new town bond, No. 61,	1,001 30
14,	Oren B. Crouch, for 5 new town bonds, Nos. 62-66,	100 00
		500 80

Jan. 16,	James Martin, for 5 new town bonds, Nos. 71-75,	\$500 85
	Edward Martin, for five new town bonds Nos. 76-80,	500 85
18,	E. A. Taylor, for goods sold,	50 00
25,	" " " "	50 00
27,	Michael J. Brown, for three new town bonds, No. 68-70,	300 84
29,	O. A. Mooney, to redeem in part F. P. Whitcomb farm, tax of '93, sale of '94,	13 58
	O. A. Mooney, tax of 1894,	67 00
Feb. 6,	W. A. Tillotson, taxes 1896,	650 00
8,	" " " 1896,	128 73
	" " " order of abatement,	71 27
	" " " land sale, 1896,	564 12
10,	E. A. Taylor, in full payment of \$2000 for goods and personal property attached by town of Dalton, B. A. Taylor suit,	370 00
12,	Ora Mooney, to redeem F. P. Whitcomb farm, in full, tax of '93, sale of '94,	12 00
	Ora Mooney, to redeem in part George E. Wallace farm, occupied by F. Bowles,	6 90
	O. A. Mooney, to redeem James Rooney farm, tax of 1893, sale of 1894,	18 34
	O. A. Mooney, tax of 1893,	25 00
	" " " 1892,	30 00
	" " " 1884,	150 00
	" " to redeem in part Willard Miller place, occupied by R. E. Miller, tax of 1892, sale of 1893,	25
	George Carpenter, for railroad tax,	53 69
	" " savings bank tax,	179 68
	George Carpenter, literary fund,	84 00
13,	W. A. Tillotson, tax of 1896,	210 00
	" " 1886,	246 00
	Geo. Carpenter, for over-paid state tax,	2 37

Feb. 13, W. A. Tillotson, redemption money, '95 tax,		
B. B. Blakeslee homestead,	\$42 26	
C. J. Cushman, "	33 02	
Peter Gilbert, "	7 33	
Joseph Lizotte, "	7 47	
Willard Miller, "	1 71	
Joseph Pilote, "	7 40	
C. F. Smith, W. Smith farm,	4 09	
Joseph R. Weare, homestead,	8 61	
J. W. Brown, A. Johnson place,	7 00	
Wm. Eager, A. Lathrop farm,	3 52	
Joseph Kerwin, farm,	13 70	
John Robarge, Jr., L. 1, R. 5,	10 62	
Asa C. Smith, farm,	17 23	\$163 96
15, George Carpenter, from O. A. Mooney,		
road agent money, 1895,	4 04	
" over-pay digging Mrs.		
Dexter's grave,	2 50	
W. A. Tillotson, taxes of 1896,	170 32	
" " 1896,	50 00	
O. A. Mooney, " 1892,	35 14	
" " 1893,	12 80	
" " 1894,	18 62	
" to redeem J. Robarge farm,	3 77	
" to redeem part of A. S.		
Ruggles farm,	4 60	
W. A. Tillotson, school house rebate on		
1895 list,	461 50	
O. A. Mooney, abatement of taxes, 1892,	13 17	
" " 1893,	11 10	
" " 1894,	18 00	
W. A. Tillotson, for lands bought by town		
at tax sale, 1897,	106 68	
W. A. Tillotson, for lands bought by town		
at tax sale, 1895,	31 77	
O. A. Mooney, tax of 1894,	7 80	

Feb. 15,	O. A. Mooney, tax of 1892,	\$ 12 97
	J. R. Meader, for dog license, 1896,	6 45
	“ from Ora A. Mooney, tax	
	book, 1892,	36
	Mabel Meader, 1 new town bond, No. 67,	100 00
1896.		
July 3,	Ellen C. Cogswell, for 5 new town bonds,	
	Nos. 40-44,	510 00
Total receipts,		<hr/> \$27,140 39

The Treasurer has paid the following orders of the Selectmen :

Mar. 28,	Ellen M. Wells, for 13 town bonds,	\$6,527 08
	Eden S. Aldrich, land damage,	50 00
April 8,	Thomas J. Smith, old town bond, No. 49,	500 00
14,	Otis Elliott, breaking roads,	12 00
	Edson C. Eastman, in full for supplies,	3 16
	D. C. Heath & Co., for school books, 1895,	33 33
17,	Coos Co. Democrat, printing town reports,	20 00
18,	Fannie Aldrich, services, school board, '95,	15 00
25,	J. R. Meader, treasurer, school money,	100 00
	E. R. Wallace, breaking roads,	7 00
	Oren Crouch, labor on highway,	2 25
	“ breaking roads,	12 50
	W. B. Aldrich, in part, road agent money,	100 00
	James Martin, breaking roads,	6 00
29,	C. F. Smith, for labor on Frank Woods'	
	wagon, damaged on highway, A. John-	
	son's order,	2 50
	J. R. Weare, breaking roads,	8 25
	Frank H. Palmer, painting signs,	5 00
	John Levasser, Jr., breaking roads,	3 00
May 4,	Dr. Morrison, medical attendance on Wm.	
	Harriman, Sr.,	9 00

May	4,	Simeon Fisk, breaking roads,	\$ 7 50
		Loren Ricker, " "	2 00
	5,	E. P. Cushman, digging grave for Wm. Harriman,	3 00
	6,	Dr. Davis, for medical attendance, Jesse Marden,	26 50
May	6,	Dr. Davis, medical aid for Frank Wells,	7 50
	9,	Darling & Lewis, supplies, Pilotte family,	1 75
		" " " Wm. Buckman,	1 85
		Addie P. Bond, for four \$500 town bonds,	2,015 00
	16,	William L. Smith, labor on highway,	7 32
		M. H. Bowker, supplies to Charles Page,	1 95
	20,	William B. Aldrich, road agent money,	100 00
June	1,	H. M. Wiggin, medical aid for J. Marden,	8 00
	3,	William B. Aldrich, road agent money,	100 00
	19,	S. H. Doolan, breaking roads,	12 00
	17,	E. B. Stowell, for two \$500 bonds, with interest,	1,025 00
		B. A. Taylor, adm'r Emily Putnam estate, for bond No. 7,	513 54
		Oren B. Crouch, special as road agent,	50 00
		J. R. Meader, school money,	350 06
		W. B. Aldrich, road agent money,	100 00
		James Rooney, labor on highway, 1888,	10 36
		J. R. Meader, preaching William Harri- man's funeral sermon,	2 00
		Frank W. Hastings, for old town bond, No. 25, issued December 1, 1878,	513 89
	20,	J. P. Colby, services as expert,	180 00
July	3,	L. J. Clement, searching records and no- fying mortgagees,	22 45
		John M. Tilletson, Jr., house rent to Jesse Marden,	3 00
		William B. Aldrich, road agent money,	100 00
	6,	W. C. Bowles, repairs on road machine,	19 35
Aug.	1,	Robert Tann, land damage,	5 00

Aug. 12,	J. M. Tillotson, Jr., back taxes from 1880 to 1892,	\$159 63
	Emma J. Rix, endorsement on town note,	15 00
Sept. 1,	Eliza Lang, for Wm. Harriman's board,	12 00
	28, Edson C. Eastman, blank books,	2 77
	Peter Gilbert, labor on highway,	7 00
	Joseph Lizotte, " "	7 00
Oct. 1,	J. R. Meader, school money,	250 00
	3, Chas. Aldrich, Everett Fletcher, bond No. 46,	520 00
	Chas. Aldrich, C. B. Jordan, bond No. 58,	520 00
	" " account book for treasurer,	2 00
	30, Dr. Davis, medical aid to Jesse Marden,	11 00
	" " " Aaron Eastman,	7 50
July 3,	John Robarge, Sr., land damage,	15 00
Nov. 9,	J. R. Meader, school money,	125 00
	10, W. H. McCarten, for county tax,	446 49
	17, E. P. Cushman, lighting and fencing high- way at John's River bridge, during high water, spring of 1896,	3 00
	W. B. Aldrich, road agent,	46 96
Oct. 15,	M. H. Bowker, supplies, Mrs. L. Brooks,	12 42
	Ward Dexter, digging grave for Eastman,	2 50
	23, B. F. Jefferson, preaching funeral sermon for Aaron Eastman,	2 00
	C. F. Davis, supplies for Frank Wells,	50
	Stoughton Brothers, casket and undertak- ing expenses,	18 75
	B. B. Blakeslee, over assessment,	19 52
Dec. 1,	Emily Lowd, for town bond, No. 42, and coupon,	525 00
	Emily Lowd, on town note,	312 00
Dec. 7,	S. A. Fearon, breaking roads, 1895,	3 75
	" " " for fighting fire on Dalton mountain,	10 00
	29, J. W. Brown, damage to horse on road,	15 00

1897.

Jan.	4,	Drew, Jordan & Buckley, for services,	\$ 250 00
		Solon A. Carter, balance of state tax,	2 37
Jan.	12,	David Hurlburt, for note,	1,166 13
	16,	James Martin, for town note with int.,	567 82
		Edward Martin, " "	567 82
Feb.	2,	Mary E. Morse, for town bond, No. 47,	
		with interest,	504 17
	6,	B. D. Goodall, services as moderator, '95-6,	8 00
		Chas. Aldrich, 18 coupons on old bonds,	450 00
		" 20 " \$500 bonds,	
		and 30 " \$100 bonds,	520 00
		C. A. Simonds, for watering trough,	3 00
		E. P. Cushman, services school clerk, care	
		cemetery, express on town business,	11 60
		W. A. Tillotson, for lands bought by town	
		at tax sale, 1896,	564 12
		W. A. Tillotson, order of abatement,	71 27
	10,	M. L. Elliott, services as dog police, 1896,	10 00
	12,	F. J. Carpenter, putting up guide boards,	2 50
		O. B. Crouch, services as truant officer,	1 50
		Eden S. Aldrich, watering trough,	1 50
		Mary Deming, " "	2 00
		O. A. Mooney, breaking roads,	15 00
		" services as supervisor, '95-6,	13 50
		" care of cemetery,	5 00
		" 1 1-2 days on tax books	
		with J. P. Colby,	2 25
		W. M. Ewen, breaking roads,	2 50
		W. B. Tillotson, " "	1 50
		G. F. Somers, " "	1 00
	6,	Foster Harriman, for Austin Thayer,	
		scarlet fever cases,	8 50
		B. A. Taylor, for self and team to Mount-	
		ain View house to exchange bonds;	
		repairing town house windows,	3 00

Feb. 10,	Ernest Taylor, 1 lamp, chimney, 1 1-2	
	gals. oil,	\$2 53
	M. L. Elliott, for firing and cleaning hall	
	for lectures in October and November,	
	1896, three nights; building booths	
	and removing same; oil, lamp chimney,	5 00
12,	Solon A. Carter, state tax,	315 00
	W. B. Aldrich, labor as road agent,	20 35
	O. A. Mooney, abatement of taxes,	13 17
13,	J. M. Tillotson, Jr., services on school	
	board, 1896,	15 00
	Chas. Aldrich, for taking up town bond,	
	No. 23,	514 58
	Wm. Carpenter, care of F. B. Tillotson's	
	family,	12 00
	S. H. Doolan, services as supervisor,	13 50
	W. A. Tillotson, lands bought by town at	
	tax sale, 1896,	31 77
	W. A. Tillotson, lands bought by town at	
	tax sale, 1897,	106 68
	W. A. Tillotson, time correcting tax bills	
	and rebates,	6 78
	W. A. Tillotson, damage to wagon,	2 50
	L. J. Clement, services as selectman,	54 29
15,	Dr. Abbott, medical aid, Joseph Gerard,	8 25
	O. A. Mooney, abatement of taxes, 1893,	11 10
	" " "	18 00
	" collecting taxes, 1892-4,	15 00
	" justice fee, looking over books,	1 50
	W. B. Aldrich, services as road agent,	3 52
	O. A. Mooney, making tax deeds,	2 00
	W. A. Tillotson, collecting taxes, 1896,	40 06
	Loren Ricker, wood,	3 00
	Edwin R. Wallace, services as selectman,	49 87
	Geo. Carpenter, cash paid for legal advice,	1 00
	" lock and bolts,	1 00

Feb. 15, Geo. Carpenter, putting up guide boards,	\$1 50
“ services as selectman,	63 50
“ services in scarlet fever,	7 25
Chas. Aldrich, services as treasurer,	30 00
“ sheep killed by dogs,	10 00
“ 13 1-2 days work, paying old bonds and notes, and placing new ones,	20 25
Chas. Aldrich, stationery, telephone, tel- egram, and interest,	2 88
Chas. Aldrich, taking up old bonds, Nos. 11, 22, 40, 55,	2,020 88
Chas. Aldrich, services as moderator, 1893-4,	8 00
Loren Ricker, services as selectman,	7 50
L. J. Clement, “ “	49 71
“ supplies for Mrs. Burlock,	1 20
F. J. Palmer, painting guide boards,	12 00
Dr. Davis, for making returns of births and deaths,	1 00
W. A. Tillotson, for school house rebate, 1895,	461 50
J. R. Meader, services as town clerk,	20 00
“ “ secretary and treasurer of school board,	10 00
J. R. Meader, making report to superin- tendent and enumerating scholars,	5 00
J. R. Meader, town appropriation for library,	20 75
J. R. Meader, 38 days on Taylor's books,	57 00
J. R. Meader, services as superintendent and member of school board,	25 00
J. R. Meader, searching records of the taxes given J. M. Tillotson to collect, filing papers in selectmen's chest, and getting ready for expert,	18 00

Feb. 15, J. R. Meader, notifying owners of dogs, drawing jurors, notifying same, affi- davits, stationery,	\$9 00
Amount of orders paid,	\$24,572 10
Cash in treasury,	\$2,568 29

CHAS. ALDRICH, TREASURER.

I have compared the amounts the treasurer charges himself with having received with the receipts he has given the former treasurer, the selectmen, the town clerk, and the different collectors, and find that charges and receipts agree exactly.

I have also compared the orders given by selectmen that he has paid, and find that they agree exactly with the amount entered upon his cash book as paid out.

I find that the treasurer has in his hands a cash balance belonging to the town amounting to \$2,568.29.

JOHN R. MEADER, AUDITOR.

SCHOOL REPORT

BY THE SCHOOL TREASURER

RECEIPTS

1896.		
April 1,	From last year's treasurer,	\$ 18 86
15,	Town treasurer to pay for books bought in 1895,	33 33
25,	Town treasurer,	100 00
June 17,	"	350 00
Oct. 3,	"	250 00
Nov. 20,	"	125 00
1897.		
Feb. 5,	From school board,	20 00
8,	Sheathing sold,	2 00
	Bertha L. Ewen, for primer,	25

DISBURSEMENTS

1896.		
April 25,	D. C. Heath & Co., books introduced in '95,	\$33 33
	L. F. Moore, lock for school house in No. 9,	1 00
27,	Hattie M. Baker, cleaning school house, No. 5, 1895-6,	3 00
	Freight and cartage on supplies,	1 00
28,	J. M. Tillotson, Jr., supplies and work,	9 89
	Edward E. Babb & Co., school supplies,	14 20
	Roswell Miller, cleaning school house No. 3,	1 50

May	1, Frank P. Whitcomb, cleaning school house, No. 9, and work,	\$3 50
	8, E. S. Aldrich, 8 1-2 cords wood for No. 5, at \$1.50,	12 75
	9, Stamped envelopes,	1 10
	16, F. G. Carpenter, 8 cords wood for No. 9, at \$1.00,	8 00
	Broom for No. 6,	30
June	18, B. A. Taylor, one gross of pens,	75
	13, Carl Simonds, rope for flag staff,	36
	12, Edna Hurlburt, boarding teacher, in part,	10 00
	22, Hattie M. Chase, part for teaching, No. 1,	5 00
	29, " " " No. 1,	5 00
July	" " " No. 1,	1 00
	1, Harley Aldrich, wood for Nos. 1 and 6,	21 00
	6, Mary Hagan, teaching in No. 9,	35 00
	3, Idella Glines, " No. 5,	35 00
	6, Hattie M. Taylor, teaching and board, No. 6,	55 00
	Mary E. Carpenter, teaching and part board, No. 3,	40 00
	Mrs. Kate Tillotson, boarding teacher, in No. 9,	20 00
	Hattie M. Chase, balance for teaching in No. 1,	39 00
	8, Edna L. Hurlburt, balance for boarding teacher, No. 3,	5 00
	Hattie M. Baker, boarding teacher in No. 5,	20 00
Oct.	Mabel Meader, boarding teacher in No. 1,	20 00
	Time buying sheathing, nails ; repairs,	3 45
	O. B. Crouch, drawing sheathing, work,	13 43
	1, Mary Carpenter, teaching and board in No. 3,	44 00
	5, E. P. Cushman, express on books,	2 40
	Flora Ruggles, cleaning school house in No. 1,	2 00
	7, Hattie M. Chase, cleaning school house No. 6,	1 50

Oct. 23,	Della Glines, teaching in No. 5,	\$28 00
	Hattie M. Baker, boarding teacher in No. 5,	16 00
	E. L. Aldrich, teaching and board, No. 1,	49 00
	Hattie M. Chase, teaching in No. 6,	29 75
	Emma B. Kelso, boarding teacher, No. 6,	14 00
24,	Mary Hagan, teaching in No. 9,	28 00
	Kate Tillotson, boarding teacher, No. 9,	16 00
Nov. 21,	Mary E. Carpenter, teaching and board,	
	No. 3,	38 50
Dec. 12,	Della Glines, teaching in No. 5,	21 00
	Mary Hagan, teaching in No. 9,	21 00
	Hattie M. Chase, teaching in No. 6,	25 50
	E. L. Aldrich, teaching and board in No. 1,	42 00
	Hattie M. Baker, board teacher in No. 5,	12 00
	Kate Tillotson, " " " 9,	12 00
	Emma B. Kelso, " " " 6,	12 00
	Brown's Lumber Co., sheathing,	25 60
	John Brown, building fires in No. 3,	1 50
1897.		
Jan. 1,	Express, cartage and postage,	3 05
Feb. 8,	Boston School Supply Co., supplies,	13 51
	Edward E. Babb & Co., supplies,	2 00
	Harley Aldrich, wood furnished No. 6,	1 50
10,	American Book Co., books,	12 00
15,	Harley Aldrich, balance wood for No. 6,	3 00
	Paid for boarding and carrying teachers,	2 50
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		\$897 87
	Balance,	2 54
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Amount received,		\$900 41

J. R. MEADER, SCHOOL TREASURER.

I have examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

CHARLES ALDRICH.

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

We have been hampered this year by not receiving any money from dog licenses, while the Literary fund was also smaller than usual. Yet we have had eight weeks more of school than in 1895, having had 111 weeks in 1895 and 119 in the year just closed.

We have sheathed the school house in No. 1, giving us a good and comfortable room. We have altered the desks in No. 9, making them much more convenient.

Our teachers have done very good work this year. On the whole, the schools are in a very prosperous condition.

The School Board has received the following sums :

April 15, For primer,	\$ 25	
Nov. 20, Sheathing,	3 00	
Feb. 5, Tuition from Lancaster,	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$23 25
Paid to School Treasurer,		\$23 25

The School Board has drawn orders on the School Treasurer as follows :

For Books,	\$58 84	
Supplies,	18 61	
Express, cartage and postage,	7 55	
Repairs,	53 27	
Teachers,	460 75	
Teachers' board,	238 00	
Fuel,	47 75	
Cleaning school houses,	11 50	
Boarding and carrying teachers,	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$898 77

This amount was divided among the different schools as follows:

School No. 1,	\$172 36	
No. 3,	143 89	
No. 5,	147 75	
No. 6,	154 35	
No. 9,	151 00	
Miscellaneous bills,	129 42	
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		\$898 77

LIBRARY REPORT

We commenced the current year with 660 books in the Library.

There was no special appropriation made for new books at the March meeting.

Mrs. Amos Taylor of Boston has presented us with paper covered books.

Fifteen books have worn out beyond repair.

I have repaired fifty books by rebinding, and so kept them in use.

I have used of the money raised for care of the Library to purchase fifteen books.

The books are fast wearing out, and if the people desire a Library it would be good policy to raise some money. An appropriation of \$50 would have meant an added tax for this past year of 3 1-2 cents on \$100.

Received		\$20 70
Paid for books,	\$ 5 00	
repair of books,	12 50	
paper, mucilage, postage, etc.,	2 50	
Leaving for care of library,	70	
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		\$20 70

J. R. MEADER, LIBRARIAN.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DALTON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1896.

BIRTHS

Date.	Name.	Sex.	No.	Father's Name.	Mother's Maiden Name
Jan. 30		M	1st	Charles A. Simpson	Flora E. Lang
June 14		M	3d	James Rooney	Clara Putnam
19	Oriel	M	8th	Fred Pilote	Jennie Paridis
July 5		F	4th	Silas Presby	Jennie E Weare
24	Mary L	F	5th	Theophile Pilote	Maggie Girard
Aug. 17	Estella	F	2d	Frank Curtis	Musia Harriman
Sept. 6		M	2d	Frank G. Carpenter	Nellie D. Rand
Oct 21	Marie	F	1st	Harley Aldrich	Dellia LaFrance
25		M	2d	Joseph R. Weare	Hattie M. Aldrich
Dec. 3		M	4th	Henry P. Elmer	Kate White

MARRIAGES

Date.	Bride and Groom	Residence.	Married by Whom
April 20	Enos E. Fearon Jessie M. Severance	Dalton	Rev. J. R. Meader, Dalton
Aug. 10	George H. Brown Marie P. Mears	New York Dalton	Rev. J. R. Meader, Dalton

DEATHS

Date.	Name.	yr.	mo.	Birthplace	Disease
Jan. 8	Thomas J. White	71	6	Whitefield	Phthisis
April 8	William Harriman	89		Barnet, Vt	Accident
8	Bridget Welch				Tumor
May 10	James Sealey	65		England	Cancer of Liver
June 1	Hattie M. Somers	17		Dalton	Puerperal Eclampsia
May 15	George C. Deming	70		Bath	Heart Disease
Oct. 7	Aaron C. Eastman	78			Septicæmia
Nov. 10	Louise Deming	59		Lisbon	Chronic Diarrhoea

